

BELLE VUE VETS

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Dear Client,

Rotavec Corona Vaccine

The manufacturing problems of the summer should be over by mid-September. We are able to source a small amount of vaccine direct from MSD. - **Please leave your order at reception.**

Bull Fertility

We now have the equipment in the practice to be able to offer bull fertility testing. The procedure involves a clinical examination of the bull and collection and microscopic examination of a semen sample to assess the motility and morphology of sperm being produced by the bull. Studies have shown that around 20% of bulls tested are either infertile or sub-fertile; whilst the infertile ones are normally found fairly quickly within a herd the sub-fertile ones can hang around for years without being found because they are still capable of siring some calves.

Situations where bull fertility testing can be useful include;

- young bulls prior to sale
- stock bulls prior to the breeding season to ensure they are fertile
- stock bulls where a problem is suspected - this will not only confirm that there is a problem it will also give an indication whether the bull is likely to come right

Using an infertile or sub-fertile bull can have long lasting consequences;

- Extended calving periods in seasonal calving herds
- Increased calving intervals in dairy herds
- Inconsistent batches of store calves sold
- More geld cows
- Cows calving at the wrong time of year
- Cows getting too fat leading to calving difficulties



If you want to discuss testing of your bulls speak to David or Alistair.

Worms in Dairy Cattle

Over the last few years there has been growing evidence that worms – both lungworm and gut worm - can have a major impact on adult dairy cattle. It had been thought that cattle developed an immunity to worms through exposure during their early years. This does still appear to take place, however it is not a complete immunity as significant worm burdens can still develop.

Few clinical signs are seen in adult cattle however weight loss and scour can develop if severe. More commonly the main effect is poor milk yield while at grass (as much as 2-3kg per cow per day has been seen) although a cough can also develop with lungworm. The effect of worms is often worse in heifers.

Treatment of milking animals has been tricky due to milk withdrawals however there are now zero milk withhold wormers available. Eprinex and Eprizero will treat gut worms, lungworm and also mange and lice. A special offer is available for Eprizero during September – see over for more details or contact the practice.

A free webinar is available on our website (www.wigtonvets.co.uk) which discusses worms in dairy cattle in more detail.

DIY AI Training

The next course is running the week beginning Monday 28th October. Funding may be available.

We are also holding a one day refresher course in September where we will concentrate on semen handling and semen placement accuracy to improve conception rates.

Please contact the practice for more details.

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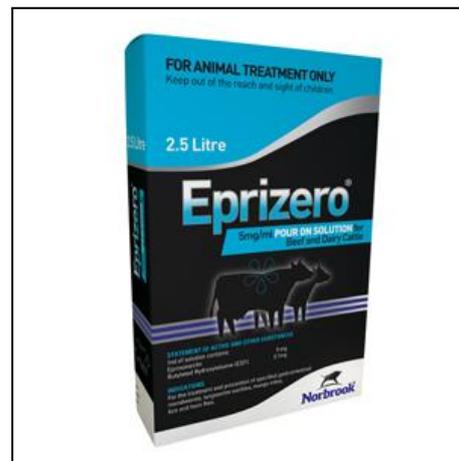
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